GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF FUNDS TO N. E. STATES FOR DRDAS SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam and other North-Eastern States have not been provided with first instalment of funds to District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) for rural development schemes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore indicating the proposals submitted by Assam and other North-Eastern States under the schemes;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the performance of the DRDAs in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b): The information is at Annexure.

(c) & (d): The assessment of performance of the DRDAs is a continuous process for which monitoring procedures have been laid down in the guidelines of various programmes. Generally the first instalment of Central assistance under various schemes of Rural Development is released to the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) based on their previous years` performance and subject to the specific release conditions as mentioned in the sanction orders viz. release of matching State share, achievement of financial targets, furnishing of audit reports and Utilization Certificates etc. To assess the performance of the DRDAs, they are required to submit the Utilization Certificate and Audit Report of the district from the Chartered Accountant to the Ministry at the time of release of second instalment of funds. In addition, proformae for submitting the Monthly Progress Reports showing the works completed/incomplete (district-wise/scheme-wise) have been devised and provided to DR! DAs wi th the instructions to furnish the report within the prescribed time-limits.

Annexure

Statement referred to in parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.114 due for answer on 26.02.2002.

Status of release of first instalment of Central assistance to Assam and other North-Eastern States including Sikkim under various rural development schemes during the current financial year is as under:

Sr.No.	Scheme	Status
1	Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)	First instalment of Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), now a part of Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), has been released to all DRDAs of North -Eastern States including Assam except Churachanderpur district in Manipur and Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya. These two districts have not submitted the necessary documents viz. Audit Report and Utilization Certificate.
2	DRDA Administration (DRDA)	DRDA Administration Scheme is a scheme to meet the administrative cost of the DRDAs. All the eligible DRDAs of Assam and other North-Eastern States have been provided with first instalment of funds under the scheme.
3	Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)	1st instalment of funds has been released to

all the North Eastern States/DRDAs except to Ri-Boi District of Meghalaya from whom separate Utilization certificates are awaited under New and Up-gradation Streams.

4 Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana All the districts of Assam and other North Eastern States have been released first . instalment except two districts of Arunachal Pradesh viz. Tawang and Upper Siang (N), two districts of Nagaland viz. Kohima and Tuensang; eight districts of Manipur viz. Bishnupur, Chandel, Churachanderpur, Imphal East, Imphal West, Senapati, Tamenglang, Ukhrul; five districts of Meghalaya viz. East Garo Hills, East Khasi Hills, Jantia Hills, Ri-Boi, South Garo Hills due to various reasons viz. non-receipt of proposal/Audit Report or on account of low expenditure or objections in their Audit Reports.

5 Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) The first instalment has been released to all the districts of Assam and other North Eastern States except the district of Churachanderpur, Chandel and Ukhrul in Manipur. The proposal in respect of Chandel district has not been received so far. The proposal of Ukhrul is not eligible as the State share for 2000-2001 has not been released. The proposal of Churachanderpur is incomplete.

6 National Old Age Pension Scheme All district of Assam and other North Eastern States have been released first instalment except six districts of Arunachal Pradesh viz. Changlang, East Kameng, Lower Subansiri, Papum-Para, Tirap, West Siang due to non-receipt of Audit Reports and Utilization Certificates and one district of Mizoram viz. Chhimtuipui.

7 National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) 1st instalment has been released to all the districts of Assam and other North Eastern States except six districts of Arunachal Pradesh viz. Changlang, East Kameng, Papum-Para, Tirap, Upper Subansiri, West Siang; one district of Mizoram viz. Chhimtuipui and one district of Tripura viz. Dhalai.

8 Accelerated Rural Water Supply Prog. First instalment has been released to all the districts of Assam and other North Eastern States.

9. Sanitation First instalment has been released to Assam, Mizoram, Sikkim whereas Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Tripura have not received their first instalment either due to non-receipt of Proposals/ Utilization Certificates.

10 Annapurna Funds under the scheme are released in one instalment. First instalment has been released to Manipur, Sikkim and Tripura. Other States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland have not been released funds, as these States have not spent 75% of the funds released during the previous year.

2. Other schemes viz.

(i) Computerization of Land Records (CLR),

(ii) Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records (SRA & ULR) and

(iii) Integrated Wasteland Development Programme are being implemented in the North-Eastern Region. State-wise/district-wise allocations are not made under these schemes, as these schemes are demand driven.